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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:


Applicant hereby claims priority under the International Convention and all rights to which he is entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese priority application:

No. 11-217218 filed July 30, 1999.

A certified copy of the priority document was filed November 21, 2000, in Application No. 09/628,022, the parent of the above-referenced application.

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